

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace page 1, lines 5-14 with the following replacement paragraph:

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This application is related to the following United States Patent Applications:

Serial No. 10/027,457 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0007~~] entitled SYSTEM
AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED
STORAGE, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

Serial No. 10/027,330 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0008~~] entitled SYSTEM
AND METHOD FOR STORING STORAGE OPERATING SYSTEM DATA IN
SWITCH PORTS, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

Serial No. 10/027,330 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0020~~] entitled SYSTEM
AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING SPARE DISKS IN NETWORKED STORAGE,
by Alan L. Rowe et al.

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Please replace page 3, lines 1-11 with the following replacement paragraph:

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This ownership information is stored in two locations. This ownership of disks is described in detail in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027,457 [~~Atty. Docket No. 112056-0007~~] ENTITLED SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, which is hereby incorporated by reference. In the example of a WAFL based file system, each disk has a predetermined sector that contains the definitive ownership information. This definitive ownership sector is called sector S. In an exemplary embodiment, sector S is sector zero of a disk. The second source of this ownership information is through the use of Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) level 3 reservations. These SCSI-3 reservations are described in *SCSI Primary Commands – 3*, by Committee T10 of the National Committee for Information Technology Standards, which is incorporated fully herein by reference.

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